Raids Conducted to unearth Tax-Evasion in J & K

1358. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids to unearth tax evasion and black money were conducted in Jammu & Kashmir in the second week of July, 1986; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of evasion detected as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The investigations are in progress and the exact extent of evasion would et qualified after completion of the investigations.

Assessment of Income Tax

1359. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Finance Ministry intends to scrap the assessment of income-tax for personal and corporate level and let each one file their returns and pay tax and Government randomly audit thoughly a few persons and companies to reduce corruption and harassment; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The proposals in this direction will be reflected in the discussion paper on simplification and rationalisation of direct tax laws which is to be published shortly by the Government for eliciting public opinion, a copy of which is likely to be placed before Parliament also.

Visit of President Ershad to India

1360. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of discussions held between India and Bangladesh during the recent visit of President Ershad to India in the second week of July, 1986; and

(b) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Matters relating to SAARC as well as various bilateral issues including the sharing of Ganga waters, the early return to Bangladesh of Chankma refugees now in Tripura and measures to increase economic cooperation between the two countries were the main subjects discussed during the recent visit of President Ershad to India in the second week of July, 1986.

(b) The talks were useful and served to consolidate bilateral relations.

Exploitation of Tourist Potentials in Madhya Pradesh

1361. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh occupies a prime position in the tourist map of our country:

(b) whether it is also a fact that tourist potentials in the State have not been epxloited properly;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by his Ministry to exploit the tourist potentials in Madhya Pradesh;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation has prepared a comprehensive report in this regard; and